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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under 35 U.S.C. §§41(a) and (b) to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled ROTATING, LOCKING INTERVERTEBRAL DISK STABILIZER AND APPLICATOR described in the specification filed herewith.

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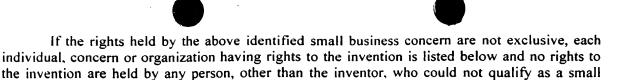
I hereby declare that I am

| the owner of the small business concern identified below an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below: |
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| NAME OF CONCERN: | Perumala Corporation |
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| ADDRESS OF CONCERN: | 942 Wild Rose Lane |
| | Brownsville, Texas 78520 |

I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 C.F.R. §121.1301 et seq. for purposes of paying reduced fees under 35 U.S.C. §§41(a) and 41(b), in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention entitled ROTATING, LOCKING INTERVERTEBRAL DISK STABILIZER AND APPLICATOR by inventor Madhavan Pisharodi described in the above-identified patent application.



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business concern under 37 C.F.R. §1.9(d) or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 C.F.R. §1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 C.F.R. §1.9(e).

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DECLARATION

As the below named inventor, I declare that:



My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

ROTATING, LOCKING INTERVERTEBRAL DISK STABILIZER AND APPLICATOR

| the specification of which: | | | | | |
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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| FULL NAME OF THE INVENTOR: | Madhavan Pisharodi | |
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